

**LICENSE PLATE LOCK****Abstract of the Invention**

A license plate lock having a rectangular back bar for mounting over the front face of a license plate, a lock mounted on the back bar, a rectangular front bar for installation over the back bar, a catch mechanism on the back bar for engaging the lock in its locked position, and relatively slidable rails on the back and front bars configured to permit the front bar to slide relative to the back bar along its longitudinal axis. The back bar has a pair of apertures therethrough dimensioned and spaced for receiving standard fasteners used to affix a vehicle license plate to a standard vehicle license plate holder, the front bar covering the fasteners when installed over the back bar. The rails comprise pairs of opposed, spaced fingers sized and configured to permit the front bar to fit over the back bar with the fingers of the front and back bars in relative sliding engagement.